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FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO

SUBJ: ICAO INVOLVEMENT IN CYPRUS PROBLEM

REF: A) MONTREAL 0049, B) MONTREAL 0203

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND THE SOURCE IS TO BE PROTECTED AT PERSONAL REQUEST PRES/COUNCIL WHO DOES NOT WISH TO HAVE POTENTIAL ICAO ASSISTANCE JEOPARDIZED BY PRESSURES FROM STATES INVOLVED.

2. WHEN USREP CALLED ON PRES/COUNCIL TO PRESENT NOTE ON NEW SECURITY MEASURES FEB 7, PRES/COUNCIL GAVE USREP FOLLOWING REPORT ON ICAO/UN INVOLVEMENT IN NICOSIA AIRPORT PROBLEM. HE SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD FURTHER ABOUT POSSIBILITY FOR ICAO SUPERVISION OF REOPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT. HOWEVER, IN LAST 48 HOURS SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED CONSIDERABLY. TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE OPENED AN AIRPORT 20 MILES NE OF NICOSIA UNDER A "TURKISH CYPRIOT AVIATION AUTHORITY". TWENTY MILES SW OF NICOSIA GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE OPENED AIRPORT UNDER "CYRPUS AVIATION AUTHORITY" BOTH ARE OPEN TO CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AND NOTAMS HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES. IATA IS UNDERSTANDABLY DEEPLY CONCERNED,NOT ONLY WITH REGARD TO FLIGHTS THAT MIGHT BE CONSI-  
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DERING UTILIZING ONE OR BOTH OF THESE AIRPORTS, BUT ARE CONCERNED

ABOUT THE SAFETY OF AIR TRANSPORT, SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED  
THROUGHOUT AREA.

3. THE TURKISH AIRPORT NOTAM IS WORDED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO  
INDICATE THAT THEY ARE UNDERTAKING AN FIR FACILITY BUT THIS IS  
NOT CLEAR. INCIDENTALLY, PRES/COUNCIL MENTIONED THAT TURKISH  
INTERVENTIONS REGARDING NICOSIA ADVISORIES (SEE MONTREAL  
REFTEL 0049 PARA 1.3) CEASED AFTER HE SENT CABLE URGING DIS-  
CONTINUANCE IN INTERESTS OF AVIATION SAFETY. HE UNDERSTANDS  
FROM IATA THAT BEA CONTEMPLATED SERVICE THROUGH THE GREEK AIRPORT  
BUT HAS WITHIN LAST 24 HOURS ABANDONED THE IDEA.

4. USREP DID NOT COMMENT BUT DID ASK PRES/COUNCIL TO CONFIRM  
RUMOR REFTEL (B) THAT HE PLANNED TURKEY VISIT REGARDING CYPRUS.  
HE SAID HE WILL GO TO TURKEY AFTER RPT AFTER AFCAC MEETING  
EAFRICA (WHICH WOULD BE FIRST WEEK MAY). THE REASON HE DOES NOT  
WANT THIS INFORMATION DISCUSSED OUTSIDE ICAO IS BECAUSE (A)  
HE WANT THIS TO BE A GENUINE NEUTRAL ICAO INITIATIVE IF IT IS  
TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND (B) BECAUSE IF IT BECOMES GENERAL KNOWLEDGE  
AMONG ALL GOVERNMENTS, HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BECOME SUBJECT TO  
PRESSURES FROM ONE SIDE AND THE OTHER AND POSSIBLY FROM WELL-  
MEANING INTERMEDIARIES.

5. HIS DEEP CONCERN IS BASED ON THE CONTACTS HE IS RECEIVING  
FROM AND THROUGH IATA WHICH INDICATE THAT AIR TRANSPORT IN THE  
AREA IS VERY MUCH ENDANGERED BY THE EXISTANCE OF TWO AIRPORTS  
AND TWO AUTHORITIES OPERATING ON THE SAME APPROACH FREQUENCIES,  
ISSUING DUPLICATIVE, CONFUSING NOTAMS AND POSSIBLY CONFUSING  
IF NOT CONTRADICTORY INSTRUCTIONS TO PILOTS.  
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